

HUNTERDON COUNTY KNITTING AND CROCHETING GUILD NEWSLETTER

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OUR MEETINGS

Our Guild meetings for the month of October will be held on Friday, October 21, 2022 at Swallow Hill Alpaca Farm in Hillsborough (See below). Our October 28, 2022 meeting will be held from 10am until 2pm at the Raritan Police Station in Flemington.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership stands at 48 members. Dues are \$15 per year and can be paid to Shirley Covert during an in-person meeting. Dues may also be sent by check to Shirley at her P.O. Box or paid directly through our PayPal account.

OCTOBER 2022 PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Hi Ladies,

It seems like our summer has flown by and now we are already experiencing cooler weather and our trees are changing color. I have been working on blankets, hats, and gloves, some are for charity and some for gifts. I am sure you have started similar projects for yourselves.

We have two wonderful programs arranged by Doris G. this month, I do hope you participate and enjoy the programs and then share your experiences with us in November.

I am sorry I won't be with you to spend time at our programs, but I am happy to tell you I will be spending time with my son in Florida which was stymied for three years by Covid and then having my sister in my care. I will be back for our November meetings.

Be Safe, Stay Healthy!

Linda Z

OCTOBER 2022 PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

As the weather is cooling and the leaves are beginning to turn, we are looking forward to a busy month at our Guild. On Friday, October 21 we are invited to visit Swallow Hill Farm where we will meet the farm's alpacas. The farm is located at 583 Montgomery Road in Hillsborough. Arrival time is 10:15. There will also be an opportunity to visit the farm store which is filled with alpaca products and to enjoy some light refreshments provided by our hostess. Following our business meeting on Friday, October 28, Shirley will be demonstrating how to crochet trees. While you are welcome to observe, the supplies you will need to join her in making this project include a skein of white and a skein of green yarn. Shirley suggests Red Heart super saver white and hunter green. Also, please bring pom poms and one sheet of white oak tag. Shirley will make copies of the pattern. This project will take longer than one meeting, so please plan to finish it at home. We are hoping you will join us at the farm on October 21 and again at our regular meeting on October 28.

Doris

CHARITY KNITTING SUGGESTIONS

The Guild has supported these charities in the past. Many of these sites have suggested yarns and needles or hooks along with patterns.

Brady Beanies: <https://bradybeanie.org/> Our mission is "to keep heads warm and share the warmth with those in need". Anita Brady, a Guild member, has established this charity in memory of her husband Mike. She is collecting and distributing knitted and crocheted adult hats. You pick the pattern, the yarn and the needles. All adult hats are welcome.

Knitted Knockers: <https://www.knittedknockers.org/> Knitted Knockers are soft, comfortable knitted (crocheted) prosthetics for breast cancer survivors. This organization connects volunteer knitters and crocheters with breast cancer survivors to offer free "Knitted Knockers" to any woman who wants them. These knockers can only be distributed if made from approved yarns and approved patterns. Be sure to check their website.

Update: For the time being we are encouraging people to make up what they have and provide them locally rather than sending them to us or consider adopting a clinic near you. We have over 700 clinics still wishing to be adopted. You can check for clinics near you at: <https://www.knittedknockers.org/adopt-a-medical-clinic/>. We can always send you unstuffed knockers to supplement your supply. Just request the "Supplemental Knockers" under the 'Contact Us' link at the top right-hand corner of our website.

If you still want to send to us, please knit or crochet up what you have making pairs of neutral and dark colored D and DDs as we have an abundance of all other sizes. Before purchasing more yarn check back periodically to see when we can use more. Please know we really appreciate you and are not saying don't make more knockers! Due to covid and the challenges of distributing them we just find that we have more than enough for now. We appreciate all of you and the difference you are making in so many lives! It is truly stunning what together we are accomplishing!

Seamen's Church Institute: <https://seamenschurch.org/christmas-at-sea>
The historic name of this volunteer program, *Christmas at Sea*, only partially describes the work of the people who make holidays a little warmer for mariners. While gift distribution happens during winter months, collection and creation of items happens year round. While many gifts go to international mariners working "at sea," thousands of gifts also go to mariners working on inland waterways here in the United States. Knit and crochet patterns are available for hats, scarves, socks, slippers, a vest and a ditty bag.

Warm Up America: The following link will connect with a brochure describing the Warm Up America organization mission and project specifications for baby blankets, lap blankets and friendship shawls.

https://www.craftyarnCouncil.com/files/WUA_brochure.pdf

Knitters Unite (on behalf of the Flemington Food Pantry): Knitter's Unite is looking for donations of hats, scarves, socks, and mittens in support of our local area food pantry.

<http://www.hclibrary.us/pdfs/programs/knittersunite.pdf>

There are numerous other charities looking for knitters and crocheters to help them meet their mission statement goals. If you have a favorite not mentioned here, please email Doris at dgullion48@gmail.com. She will gladly include them in our next Guild newsletter.

 **HAPPY FALL** 

Drift by my window
The autumn leaves
Of red and gold



Please visit our website at www.hunterdonknitcrochet.com and our Facebook page!

